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1. ARTICLE BY RAYMOND SMITH IN "IRISH INDEPENDENT" SEPTEMBER 20 SAYS THAT MAIN PURPOSE OF FONMIN FITZGERALD'S CURRENT US SPEAKING TOUR IS TO STOP FLOW OF "GUN MONEY" TO THE IRA FROM AMERICAN SUPPORTERS. ARTICLE REPORTS THAT ONE MILLION POUNDS (ABOUT \$2.4 MILLION) HAS GONE TO IRA FROM AMERICAN SUPPORTERS SINCE 1970. SOURCE OF ESTIMATE NOT GIVEN.

2. REPORTER QUOTES FITZGERALD AS SAYING THAT CONTRIBUTIONS TEND TO SLOW DOWN WHENEVER AN IRISH MINISTER MAKES A PERSONAL APPEAL TO AMERICANS. "I AM GOING TO SAN FRANCISCO ON THIS VISIT FOR THAT VERY REASON," FITZGERALD ADDED.

3. FITZGERALD MADE CLEAR THAT HIS REMARKS WERE DIRECTED TO PRIVATE AMERICAN GROUPS. HE BELIEVED THAT FACTS OF PROBLEM WERE UNDERSTOOD IN WASHINGTON AND BY AMERICAN POLITICIANS OF REAL INFLUENCE. STATE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN VERY HELPFUL.
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